

she liked better than the absent preacher, and that she was willing to close the bargain of long standing.

At first the plan was for Lorenzo to make a trip to Europe, and upon his return, they should be married. But the plan was changed and on the evening of September 4, 1804, a Methodist minister was called, and in the presence of the immediate family, only, they were married.

Early the next morning, the bridegroom of only a few hours parted from his bride, and, in company with Smith Miller, started on a journey of six thousand miles, expecting to be gone seven months and to fill hundreds of appointments already made.

The plan of his itinerary carried them through the valley of the Susquehanna, thence to Pittsburgh, and across the river into the State of Ohio. Finally, after thirty days of circuitous travel from the time he left Peggy, Lorenzo Dow and Smith Miller arrived at the seat of the Western Conference at Mt. Gerizim, Harrison County, Kentucky.

Those hardy itinerants of that wild domain of scattered settlements among the Indians, seem to have received the well-known visitor in a most cordial manner, and gladly heard him preach to an immense congregation in a grove near by the seat of the conference.

In the absence of both Bishops Asbury and Whatcoat, who were sick at the time, the conference elected William McKendree, the Presiding Elder of the Kentucky District, president *pro tempore*. In the selection of McKendree, who eventually was to take his place among the greatest bishops of the Church, the conference chose, as president, one of the best qualified of their number, and a man who took hold of his task with firmness and discharged the duties of his office in a masterly and satisfactory manner.